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Race and Carnival to be held at NSU to benefit the Special Olympics

By: Debbie Mejia

As one of NSU's homecoming week events, the "Sallarulo's Race for Champions 5K" and the first annual "Carnival of Champions" will be held outside the Alvin Sherman Library on its quad, Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The race and carnival are hosted by the Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports training and competitions for over 800 athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities in over 20 sports.

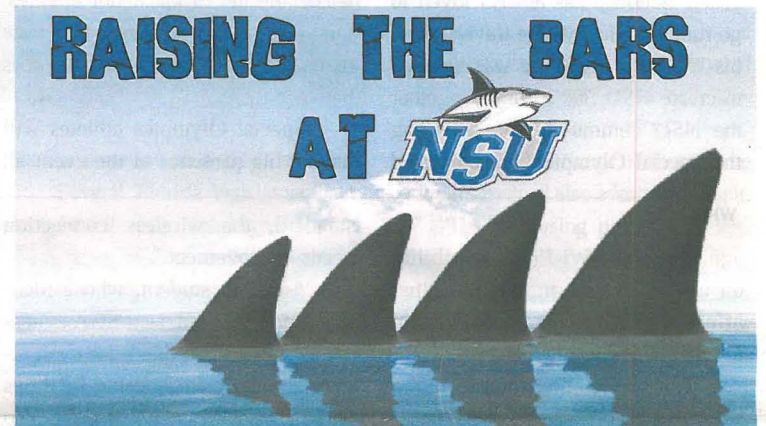
Registration is \$10 for NSU students and \$25 for NSU faculty, staff, and the public. Public registration rates will increase to \$40 after Nov. 7. All registered

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COURTESY OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF BROWARD COUNTY
Special Olympics athlete Thomas Michaud running the marathon in 2011.

SGA takes on campus Wi-Fi



SGA drafts resolution to improve Wi-Fi at NSU.

DESIGN BY A. ESCOBAR

By: Debbie Mejia

NSU's Undergraduate Student Government Association (SGA) recently drafted the "Wi-Fi Resolution" to raise awareness and improve wireless internet connection and accessibility from all technology devices on campus.

SGA members Kelly Lee Ann Scott, sophomore athletic training major, and Sarah Noelle Erickson, sophomore nursing major, sponsored the resolution.

Through personal experiences and student complaints, SGA rec-

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NSU celebrates diversity through International Education Week

By: Mnena Iyorpua

NSU will celebrate International Education Week from Nov. 12 to Nov. 16, with a week of activities focusing on the international community at NSU.

International Education Week is a joint initiative by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. It is part of efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the U.S.

This is the second year that NSU will celebrate International Education Week. For the week, dif-



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Students and staff celebrating at last year's international education week.

COURTESY OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

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participants will receive a free goodie bag and free access to the Carnival of Champions, which will begin after the race. Commemorative race tank tops will be awarded to public participants who raise at least \$100. All proceeds will go to the Special Olympics of Broward County.

Jodi Jabs, event committee member and graduate assistant for Leadership Development in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement said, "Even though registration costs are inexpensive, it is important that teams and individuals set their goals higher and try to fundraise as much as they can."

NSU President George Hanbury created the university's race team, NSU 500, and is its captain. Hanbury said, "I am very proud of the fact that NSU is the only university in the nation to house Special Olympics on its campus. As such, our students get to work with the Special Olympics. Special Olympics does such wonderful work. They're a good group of young men and women."

As an athlete in football, wrestling, and marathons for 30 years, Hanbury has always loved to go running wherever he travels. With his "runner's high," he was inspired to create NSU 500 to bring together the NSU community in supporting the Special Olympics. Hanbury said

that he is not focused on how much money the team can raise, but on the experiences that NSU students can get out of giving back to the community.

He said, "I think giving back is very important and I'd like to establish a culture of giving back, even after students graduate, I hope they continue to do so. Give back to a worthy cause and help improve mankind."

About eight years ago, NSU Board of Trustees member Paul Salarullo introduced the late Don Taft, a businessman and philanthropist, to Hanbury. Taft was one of NSU's major donors. Taft expressed his strong passion for the Special Olympics and the organization moved its offices to the main NSU campus in Davie, Fla.

Valerie Vitale, Sallarullo's Race for Champions race manager, works on the main campus with the Special Olympics of Broward County. She hopes to raise \$250,000 this year.

Vitale said, "It will be a day to celebrate inclusion, in which people with and without disabilities run together in the race and celebrate together at the carnival. There are misconceptions about people with disabilities, so it's important for us to let people get to know our athletes, not just donate. They will see that there aren't many differences between them."

Special Olympics athletes will have a big presence at the event all

day, including performing on stage and being emcees.

Vitale said, "Our long-term vision is for everyone to view people with disabilities as equal."

There will be many things to look forward to at this day of celebration. Special Olympic athletes will lead the event and major sports teams, including the Miami Dolphins, Miami Heats and Miami Marlins, among others, will come to support fellow athletes.

Special Olympics athlete Thomas Michaud, who serves on the event's committee said, "I am looking forward to the Carnival and to meeting all the professional athletes that are coming out to support us."

The Carnival of Champions will have games, free food, vendors, and entertainment. NSU's Sharkettes dance team, NSU's Cheerleaders, and nine of NSU's sororities and fraternities will all hold performances.

Jabs said, "We are striving to get over 2,000 people to attend the event and 500 of them to be from the NSU community."

Registration is available online at www.firstgiving.com/raceforchampions. For more information on registering and volunteering, call Valerie Vitale at 954-262-2150 or Jodi Jabs at 954-262-8459.

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ognized that Wi-Fi accessibility on campus was a major issue that affected many students, staff, and faculty.

The association distributed a survey to investigate students' satisfaction with campus Wi-Fi. According to its 187 participating students, 92.5 percent have faced difficulties accessing connection, 71 percent have faced the same issue several times a day, and 88 percent have encountered issues during attempted study sessions.

Scott said, "Our goal is to ultimately solve the issue of bad wireless connection."

In the resolution, the sponsors wrote, "We believe it is our duty to act on the concerns of the students."

The motion states, in accordance with President George Hanbury's 2020 Vision, "Academic excellence ... is made possible by ... effective resources necessary to support learning at the highest level."

The SGA resolution states, "We believe that in order to uphold to that

standard, the wireless connection needs improvement."

An NSU student, whose identity is not revealed, sent SGA a message that said that this issue even affects the graduate housing facilities in Rolling Hills. The student also said that students need to have dependable internet to do their work and that many classes have not been completed due to all the constant technical errors.

Many NSU faculty members support the SGA resolution.

Pradeep R. Vanguri, associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Science (FCAS), said, "While our FCAS faculty have not been polled, the FCAS Faculty Council Executive Board does share the concerns raised by SGA and support their resolution to help improve the Wi-Fi connection issues."

The resolution also states that NSU faculty face issues during class when they try to log into BlackBoard to access their lectures, and that trying to get internet connection is a problem in every main building on

campus.

Scott said, "By presenting this, the issue will be out in the open from the students, for the students."

SGA will present the resolution to the Pan Student Government Association (PAN-SGA) — which is comprised of representatives from every school's student government and represents NSU as a whole — and to Dr. Brad Williams, vice president of student affairs, on Nov. 7.

SGA President, Chris Mignocchi, junior exercise science and legal studies major, said that after the presentation to Pan SGA, the undergraduate SGA would like to send the resolution to the Office of Innovation and Information Technology. "President Hanbury will definitely see it at the PAN-SGA meeting in December," said Mignocchi.

Mignocchi said, "The resolution had more pull than just the undergrads going at it alone, especially since other programs have the same problems, too."

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ferent activities will highlight NSU's mission and its core values of diversity, community, and academic excellence.

NSU has an international population of 1,231 students, from 116 countries. Fifty of those countries will be represented at the "NSU Global Village", at the Don Taft University Center on Nov. 12 from 12 to 1 p.m., where students host booths, tell stories, and share food and music from their countries.

Annie Nguyen, freshman biology major, said she thinks it's amazing that NSU supports opportunities for different people, and that she is looking forward to attending the Global Village event in order to see and learn about other cultures that are different from American culture.

Alejandra Parra, associate director of international affairs, said that

International Education Week is organized to raise awareness of the global community at NSU and to help students become global citizens.

Parra said, "It is our hope that the whole university community comes to the event. People should expect a lively week of entertainment and education. They will learn about different countries, and what it is to be a global citizen, and how they belong to an organization that encourages diversity."

Roghan Wagimin, sophomore biology major, said that as an international student, she appreciates NSU's diversity and finds its diversity really interesting, because she gets to learn about other cultures.

Parra said there will be a series of webinars organized by the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education throughout the week, which will all

highlight international education. There will also be Optional Practical Training (OPT) and H1B visa workshops for international students, as well as workshops on opportunities for domestic students to study abroad.

Marcela Beyoda, junior marketing major said she has Colombian roots and she loves the diversity that NSU represents. Beyoda said that everyone deserves an equal opportunity to achieve their dreams, and so having workshops on OPT and H1B visas is a great way to offer international students the opportunities they need for success. She would like to study abroad, and is looking forward to attending the workshops that will discuss opportunities for that.

For more information on International Education Week, visit www.nova.edu/internationalstudents.

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Tuesday, November 6

The Current Staff Meeting » 12 p.m., ASA Room 104
Open to students interested in writing for the newspaper.

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Cinema Tuesday: Sleep Over » 8 p.m., The Commons Room 123

Free Scary movie and popcorn courtesy of the SEA Board.

Contact: Sea Board, sea_board@nova.edu, 954-262-7233

Thursday, November 8

Nomadics Math Club Meeting » 12 p.m., Mailman Room 310

Contact: Andre Escobar, ae311@nova.edu, 954-200-1363

Friday, November 9

SUTV Staff Meeting » 12 p.m., ASA Room 104

Open to students interested in learning about and becoming involved with television

Contact: Gregory Hinds, gh337@nova.edu, 954-262-2602

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Florida Supreme Court Justice Pariente addresses NSU

By: Camila Alfonso

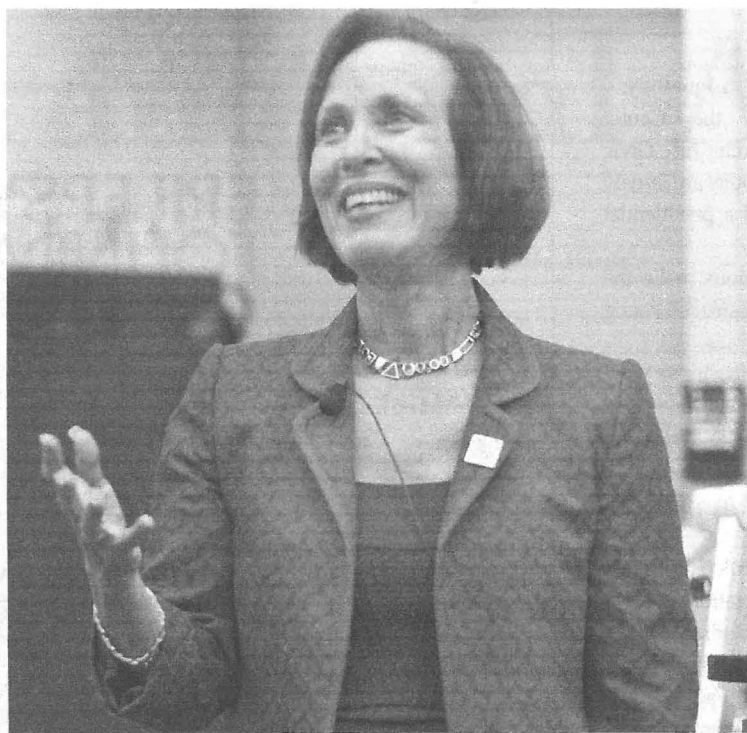
Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Pariente was a guest speaker at the NSU Shepard Broad Law Center on Nov. 1, where she addressed an audience of around 200.

Her visit was coordinated by the NSU chapter of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, and was proposed by the chapter's secretary, Danielle Kaye, second year law student. This event was created in order to educate not only law students, but the entire NSU community, on the issue of merit retention — a process for keeping state justices on the bench.

"A lot of students are not familiar with this electoral process for a fair and impartial judiciary, so we had Justice Pariente come to speak with students on this process — how it's a part of our constitution and how it's a real issue that perhaps needs to be changed in the future," Kaye said.

Florencia Schwartz, junior legal studies major, said, "I didn't know about the subject, so I found this to be a very informative event. Everyone should have this opportunity to learn about the subject."

Justice Pariente has worked in the legal and judicial field for over 38 years, and currently stands as the longest-serving justice on the Supreme Court of Florida. She was the second female justice appointed to the Florida Supreme Court. She has been honored with numerous awards, including being inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame by



Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Pariente addresses NSU law students.

Governor Charlie Crist in 2008. She is also a breast cancer survivor.

After their six-year term, each state Supreme Court justice is placed on the ballot for U.S. citizens to vote on whether or not they should be retained in office. If the majority votes "no", then that state justice's seat becomes available and the governor ultimately decides who will fill that seat.

Kaye said, "Students need to know that they can make an impact on whether Justice Pariente contin-

ues her role because her job is in the hands of our society."

NSU law professor Michael Dale introduced Pariente and described merit retention as "a crucial issue for law students, and frankly for the population at large."

Pariente said, "the merit selection part is the key to merit retention."

As Pariente explained, merit selection aims to provide a check on the governor's power. The process sets up independent judicial nominating

commissions, appointed mainly by the governor, but also from the Florida Bar. Those nine-member commissions review applications. The application seeks to find out everything possible about prospective judges and justices.

According to Pariente, the most qualified candidates are the judges that have the "demeanor to be respectful to all parts that come before that judge or justice."

"Judges that are intellectually honest and hard-working, having integrity beyond reproach — that is what is part of the merit selection process," Pariente said.

After the applicants are screened, three to six names are presented to the governor. The governor then selects the justice or appellate whom he finds most qualified, depending on his own standards.

"That is a legitimate selection process, the merit selection process," Pariente added.

The merit selection process contrasts the early 1970s method of Supreme Court and appeals court judge and justice selection. At that time, elected judges and justices ran as partisan positions, such as Republican or Democrat.

Pariente further emphasized the importance of a non-partisan judicial system, saying, "One of the questions we never ask is, 'what is your party affiliation?' That is irrelevant and has been primarily irrelevant for the last 36 years."

News Briefs

NSU presents "The Complete History of America (Abridged)"

The comedy, "The Complete History of America (Abridged)", presented by the Division of Performing and Visual Arts, will run this month in the Don Taft University Center. How much do you really know about America? The two-hour show will feature an interesting look at the history of the U.S. and cover "600 years of history in 6,000 seconds." The show will run Nov. 9 to 11, and Nov. 16 to 18. Friday and Saturday shows will take place at 7:30 pm, and Sunday shows will be at 2 p.m. NSU students, staff, and faculty can obtain one free ticket by presenting their SharkCard at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences box office two hours before the performance that they'd like to attend. The general public may also purchase tickets for \$10 each, cash only. Tickets may also be pre-purchased up to a week in advance. For more information, call the box office at 954-262-8179.

Continual Campus Construction

There will be ongoing construction on NSU's main campus in Davie until Dec. 7. Up until Nov. 19, there will be construction in the southbound lanes of Ray Ferrero Boulevard, as carcenter campus from 30th Street. The work will be contained between 30th Street and East West Perimeter Road. Traffic will be one-lane wide for each lane of traffic. The Alvin Sherman Library parking garage entrances will remain open. Construction will continue Nov. 19 through Dec. 7 on the southbound lanes of Ray Ferrero Boulevard, between the Perimeter road intersection and the Alvin Sherman Library traffic circle. Traffic will be reduced to one-lane of traffic in each direction. The parking garage entrances will remain open during weekday working hours. Closures to the garage entry and exits will be made during off-peak hours. Future notifications will be sent regarding these closures. If possible, seek alternate routes to main campus during this time frame or allow extra time for delays.

NSU's Digital Media Production Department Nominated for 2 Emmy Awards

Two members of the Digital Media Production Department in the Office of Innovation and Information Technology, executive producer Maria Tako and Paolo Mugnaini, were nominated for Emmy awards in the Director category, by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Suncoast Chapter for their work on a public service announcement, which aired on the Broward Education Communication Network in June 2012. The project was created in collaboration with NSU's tobacco-free campaign, and is posted on NSU's Sharktube and YouTube. Winners will be announced on Dec. 1 at the Suncoast Chapter's Emmy Awards Ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale.

Leading theoretical physicist to speak on campus

By: Joe Cirino

Theoretical physicist Brian Greene is set to give a talk next week titled "Explaining the Elegant Universe", as part of the NSU Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' "Distinguished Speakers Series". The talk will take place on Wednesday Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on NSU's Main Campus in Davie.

Greene, who is well known across both academic and popular mediums, is the author of multiple bestselling books on advanced physical concepts.

In 1999, Greene published "The Elegant Universe", an easy to read explanation on the reconciliation of quantum field theory and general relativity through string and superstring theory. Greene was one of the earliest proponents of the theory, and is well known for his elaborate — yet easy to grasp — detailings of complicated concepts such as this.

"The Elegant Universe" made the New York Times bestseller list after release, selling over a million copies in a year. Greene also hosted an episode of "NOVA", a science documentary series on PBS.

Greene has published other books dealing with scientific explanations in layman's language: "The Fabric of the Cosmos" and the more recent "The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos", also delve into hard science and abstract concepts on the bleeding edge of theoretical physics. Greene's work has appeared in many print and web magazines, such as Wired, The New York Times, and Newsweek.

In Greene's upcoming talk, entitled "Explaining the Elegant Universe", the subjects of string theory, quantum mechanics, and general relativity be a part of the discussion.

Greene's coming is anticipated by students across all majors. Lauren Frey, a junior biology major, was excited for the upcoming "Distinguished Speaker Series", mainly due to its speaker.

"He's really good at explaining difficult concepts in relatively simple yet still exciting ways," Frey said.

Even in an explanation of simplicity on a complex subject, there could possibly be information "lost in translation". Stefan Kautsch, an assistant professor of physics who teaches several astronomy classes at NSU shared his view on the matter.

"Communicating science in understandable and engaging ways is much needed to make the public aware of progress of science", Kautsch said. Kautsch went on to also note that Greene is well known for simplifying abstruse topics in physics.

"His talk will undoubtedly excite the imagination of the audience," Kautsch said, going on to hope that the talk will ignite wild enthusiasm among students for physics.

Greene is well represented by his bestselling books and "NOVA" Specials.

"I first heard of him when he had an appearance on 'The Big Bang Theory' show, and I've been a fan of his 'NOVA' specials ever since," said Kayla Caldwell, senior marine biology major. "I'm extremely excited for his talk," Kayla said.



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Greene is a graduate of Harvard and Oxford Universities, and currently teaches at Columbia University.

Free tickets are available for students, faculty, and staff in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Office of the Dean on the second floor of the Mailman-Hollywood building. There is a limit of two tickets per per-

son, with a SharkCard. For more information, call the Office of the Dean at 954-262-8236.

Young Americans empowered to vote

By: **Saily Regueiro and Amanda Hudon**

A national poll was conducted by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) to investigate the likelihood of young Americans voting in the this year's presidential election.

In June and July 2012, CIRCLE, an independent academic research center that studies and presents data on young voters in all 50 states, polled 1,695 Americans between the ages of 18 and 29. The center then polled 1,109 of those same Americans in October 2012.

This study, commissioned by the Youth Engagement Fund (YEF), showed that between June/July and October, youth who say they are "very" or "extremely" likely to vote rose to 67.3 percent, up 7.1 percentage points. The portion "paying attention to the election" had also risen, from 56.1 percent to 71 percent.

Alexandra Acker-Lyons, director of the Youth Engagement Fund, said, "Young people have the power to have a great impact on the current political system."

The survey showed that the number one issue concerning young voters is "jobs and the economy", which rose to 37.9 percent in October — 26 points ahead of health care, the runner-up issue.

The study also showed a shift in attitude towards the country and politics, among young people, with 31 percent of respondents now feeling that the U.S. is headed in the right

direction, up from 25.1 percent in June/July. Peter Levine, director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Engagement, said that young voters are largely able to change the outcome of a presidential election.

Many nonprofit organizations make the process of registering to vote easier for young people.

One such organization is Rock the Vote; its mission is to build the political power of young Americans. Rock the Vote sends out representative to institutions and events, in order to get people interested in the voting process.

Chrissy Faesson, a Rock the Vote representative, said the organization goes to wherever young people are, including college campuses, music festivals and sporting events. They use music, technology, and popular culture to engage potential young voters in discussion and to help them with voter registration.

"This year, Rock the Vote has registered over a million individuals for the 2012 presidential election," said Faesson.

Sarah Rupp, freshman biology major, is passionate about the importance of voting.

"If we are going to sit here and complain about what we want to change, we should take advantage of the one thing that can make those changes happen," said Rupp.

Epilepsy Awareness Month



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Not another moment lost to seizures™

By: **Megan Mortman**

November is the time to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, since it's Epilepsy Awareness Month, it's also the perfect opportunity to give back to others.

Epilepsy, a chronic neurological disorder that leads to seizures, affects over 50 million people worldwide and 375,000 people in Florida. Its causes can range from lack of oxygen to head trauma, according to the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF).

EFOF is a 41-year-old non-profit organization that has helped those in Florida who have epilepsy or other seizure disorders. Its volunteers and staff help struggling families by providing support, counseling, and medical services to those who can't afford it.

Executive Director Mary Gomez said that there is a stigma related to Epilepsy, because people know so little about the disorder. "Let's Talk About It", an EFOF program, helps people host events to

educate others on epilepsy, since it does not receive as much publicity as other conditions or disorders.

EFOF is holding events throughout November to raise awareness and money. Many Ruby Tuesdays restaurants in South Florida will donate will donate 20 percent of the bill to the Epilepsy Foundation on Nov. 12 and 13, with the presentation of a flier — which can be printed out online from www.epilepsyfla.org.

Although epilepsy affects so many people, there is not enough support for it. People of any age, race, or gender have the potential to get epilepsy.

For more information on epilepsy, including opportunities to support Epilepsy Awareness Month, visit www.epilepsyfla.org.

What is string theory anyway?

By: **Joe Cirino**

Dr. Brian Greene, author and famed theoretical physicist, is due to soon address NSU, as part of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Distinguished Speaker Series. He'll grace us with the complexities of spectacular science, which is on the cutting edge of our advancements in understanding the universe.

Yet, in this brewing talk of "string theory" and a "unified system", there is widespread confusion as to what is actually going on. While Dr. Greene's talk will no doubt touch on the ins and outs of science as a whole, string theory by itself may prove a roadblock to even the most intellectual members of the community.

Before giving any simplified explanation of string theory, this bizarre theory of the universe, one must understand why string theory bears explaining. Within the more sophisticated forms of mathematics that make one dread their final exam and pray that their calculator doesn't die, there exists quantum physics and general relativity. These two theories, while both being the sort of thing that one would expect to see in a documentary on Albert Einstein or in an episode of "Star Trek", are spectacularly hard to unify, as each theory holds differing views on certain critical aspects of elementary particles and hardcore physics.

To unify, or reconcile, these two theories, string theory was introduced as a proposed "theory of everything". Since both quantum physics and general relativity have been proven true for the most part, we seem to just be missing the central piece of the proverbial physics puzzle. String theory is a bold attempt

to fill in the blanks on what we don't know about the universe, and though it may seem bizarre, famous wheelchair-bound physicist Dr. Stephen Hawking is on the record for stating that string theory is "the only candidate for a complete theory of the universe."

Whether or not Hawking stands by it or not, string theory is downright confusing. Simply put, which may not be simple enough for some, string theory agrees with popular science that atoms are composed of sub-atomic particles known, as protons, neutrons, and electrons, among others. String theory also agree with quantum physics that these sub-atomic particles are composed of even smaller particles, known as quarks. But, string theory then posits that these quarks — and thus all particles and forms of energy in the universe — could be constructed with one-dimensional "strings".

These strings are theorized as infinitesimally small building blocks of all matter and energy in the universe, which exist only in the dimension of length; height and width are not present.

If this wasn't already bizarre enough, string theory also posits that strings exist in 11 dimensions: height, width, length, time, and 7 other dimensions we can't directly observe due to being three-dimensional creatures.

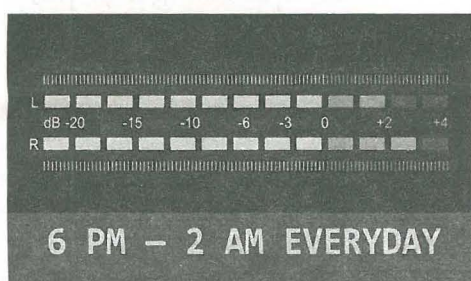
The 11 dimensions of String Theory have garnered much criticism from skeptical outliers. However, the math works. Without string theory's 11 dimensions, other theories, like super-gravity theory, could not be proven.

Much insane mathematics aside, the strings of string theory also vibrate. These

strings, which are so small that they can't be detected, vibrate in one of their 11 dimensions to create energies and matter. By vibrating in one of our three dimensions — height, weight, and width — they can create matter, light, and gravity. Strings that vibrate in higher dimensions create a variety of forces, such as super-gravity in the 11th and final dimension.

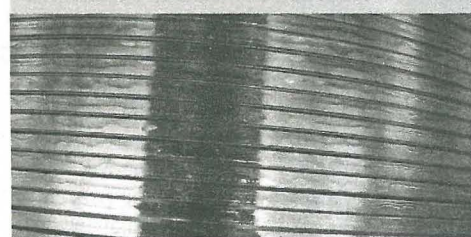
Historically, string theory has run into its share of problems. Early on in its introduction to the scientific community, there — at one point — existed five separate mathematical versions of the equations necessary to prove string theory. It took almost a decade before a theoretical physicist named Dr. Edward Witten and a group of other researchers proved that these were not disparate versions of string theory, but simply five different "perspectives" of the same idea. Known as the "Second Superstring Revolution", Dr. Witten and his colleagues gave birth to what has become known as "M-Theory", whereby strings are proved to be one-dimensional slices of a two-dimensional membrane, which vibrates in a 11-dimensional space.

The main problem that plagues string theory today is the crippling fact that we are yet unable to observe or experiment within the higher dimensions that string theory primarily inhabits, even though the theory has been mathematically proven ten times over. Theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku has gone so far as to say that "the math of string theory is so elegant and concise that its formula would fit on a t-shirt". If string theory ever turns out to be true, that will be quite the t-shirt.



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Diary of... an enthusiastic student

By: **Sasha Pimentel**

As a student on NSU's campus, it is hard to say that there are not opportunities to get involved, and from day one, I knew that I was going to do just that. The summer before my freshman year, I visited the campus to audition for the Performing and Visual Arts department as an incoming musical theatre major. This was a new major for the school at that time, and of course, as someone who had just graduated high school, I was beyond nervous to step foot on campus.

Once I had finally auditioned and been welcomed into the program, the next step was freshman orientation. I felt extremely nervous. Every action that I took was perfectly calculated to show that I was an eager and determined student, who wanted to make the most out of my career at NSU.

When the day finally came, in true Davie fashion, it rained harder than I had ever seen. My hair quickly became a mess, and my very cute outfit became cold and uncomfortable. It seemed like I was in for a rude awakening before orientation had even started.

However, once it got going, my

worries disappeared. That day, I sat through a number of presentations about academics, the college transition, and financial aid. But not for a moment did I doubt the fact that orientation is exactly what I wanted to do.

On my way home from orientation, I could not stop talking to my mom about the experience and how much fun I had. I wanted to find out immediately how to become a part of the team, and I did! Within a few weeks, I had all of the information I needed, and I started the application process. After every step, I remember cringing at the small mistakes I had made, or things that may have come out wrong.

But as it turns out, I fared pretty well; I made the team. Now, as a sophomore, I cannot help but look at all of the amazing opportunities that I have been given since my first key moments on campus.

It has now been a little over a year since I became an NSU Shark, and I can say that I am a proud member of the President's 64, the president of the Commuter Student Organization, a new orientation team leader, and a member of the NSU Vocal Ensemble.



Sasha Pimentel, far right, gets into the Shark spirit as an orientation leader.

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To my surprise, all of these wonderful honors came together when I was asked to sing the National Anthem at the opening of the new Oceanographic Center. Never in my lifetime did I think that

I would receive such an honor, and as if that weren't enough, I was asked to do the same for the recent senatorial debate hosted by the university.

Of course, I cannot say that these privileges have just been

handed to me, but I can say that the work has paid off immensely for both my performing arts career and my academic and social involvement on campus. I could not imagine having it any other way.

Say yes to health and no to the flu

By: **Jodi Tandet**

As the winter holidays quickly approach, many of us may be thinking about what we're thankful for and what presents top our wish lists. Perhaps you're thankful for your family, and want an iPhone 5. It's unlikely that many people are thankful for excessive coughing or are wishing for a generous bout of nausea.

Yet, those are both symptoms of the seasonal influenza — commonly known as the flu, which, along with extravagant holiday decorations, begins to pop up nearly everywhere each winter.

Fortunately, in addition to getting a vaccination, there are many ways to ward off the flu's advances. Dr. Marilyn Gordon, registered dietitian and licensed nutritionist at NSU, shared some of her top tips. By adjusting some of your daily habits, you can increase your chances of having ample energy to confidently attack your final exams, instead of letting the flu attack you.

Eat the right foods.

Put down the strawberry lolly-

pop or orange gummy bear, and pick up the real fruit. Although they aren't guaranteed to prevent the flu, eating foods rich in vitamins — especially vitamins A, C, and E — keep the immune system strong, which is especially vital this time of year. And yes, those vitamins should come from actual food — not a bottle.

"Don't be so reliant on 'oh well, but I took my vitamin today'," said Gordon. "There really isn't research that says that that's better than food. So we really want to do food first."

For your daily dose of vitamin A, think orange. Carrots, dried apricots, cantaloupe, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, and unsurprisingly, oranges, are all rich in it.

Guavas, kiwis, papayas, strawberries, and all types of citrus are high in vitamin C. Or if you're more of a veggie fan, try broccoli, bell peppers, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts.

Vitamin E — which Gordon said she finds most people don't consume nearly enough of — is prevalent in wheat germs, almonds, spinach, whole grains, and mustard greens.

For some people, the scariest

part about these fresh foods may be their price tags. But Gordon said that shouldn't be the case.

"A lot of times, people complain about the price of fruits and vegetables. But they don't really realize what they're paying for a burger or for a \$5 cup of coffee," she said. "You have to go 'OK, wait a second, this doesn't really make sense. I can afford these foods, and make them worthwhile.'"

Keep those hands clean.

"Probably the number one thing is to wash your hands," Gordon advised.

Make sure to wash up not just after using the restroom, but also before, during, and after preparing food; before and after caring for someone who's sick; before eating food; and after coughing, blowing your nose, sneezing, handling garbage, caring for a wound, or touching an animal. Though scrubbing your hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce germs, hand sanitizers can also work well. The Center for Disease Control recommends selecting an "alcohol-based hand sanitizer that

contains at least 60% alcohol."

And keep your hands away from yourself. That it — avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

As Gordon said, "Those are some basic things, but a lot of times people forget."

Exercise your right to ... exercise.

Perhaps you've heard it so often before that you got a workout rolling your eyes at the above sentence, but it's true: exercise is vital in staying healthy. However, that doesn't mean that you have to train like an Olympic champion. Moderate amounts of aerobic exercise — such as jogging, brisk walking, cycling, dancing, and using the elliptical machine — during the cold and flu season boost the body's defenses against viruses and bacteria.

As for the amount of time you should devote to daily exercise, Gordon said that it will depend on your experience. "If someone is an avid exerciser, exercising on a regular basis, an hour workout to them is probably nothing. If I'm new to exercise, 20 minutes may be sufficient."

Get your daily dose of Zs.

It may not be fun to hear, but at night, you should be closing your eyes, not opening your laptop. Counting sheep, instead of studying your facebook wall, is yet another way to keep your immune system strong.

Gordon advised students to strive for at least eight hours of sleep per night, though the ideal amount varies person to person.

"Some people do better with nine. And if it's an athlete, they probably do better with 10," she said.

Of course, for many students, obtaining ample sleep may seem just as impossible as obtaining a winning lottery ticket. The key is in changing that attitude.

"I think as soon as we run around saying, 'Oh my gosh, there's no time!', rather than just sitting down and getting down to work, we're in trouble," said Gordon.

So, to reduce your time management worries, schedule in sleep — just as you may schedule in school work or time with friends.

Athlete of the week: Meixandra Porter

By: **Chris Hoffman**

NSU senior Meixandra Porter began playing the game of basketball at a very young age. She began to play when she was 5 years old with her twin brother and began to play competitively when she was only 6 years old.

Porter played at Freedom High School in Virginia, where she helped lead her team to a state championship her senior year. At the end of the season, she was selected as the Virginia AA State Player of the Year. After high school, she went to play for the Colorado State University Rams. During her two seasons with the Rams, Porter played in 27 games, where she averaged 7.7 points, two rebounds and 19.9 minutes per game.

After two seasons, Porter decided to transfer to NSU. During her first year with the Sharks, she averaged 14.8 points, 3.5 rebounds, three assists, and 1.6 steals per game, all of

which were team highs. She also led the team in three-point shooting percentage with 43 percent. At the end of the season, she was named to the Daktronics, Inc. All-South Region Second Team and was also selected to the All-Sunshine State Conference First Team.

Entering her senior year, Porter is expected to be a huge contributor to the team's efforts. She was named to the NCAA Women's Division-II Bulletin Super-16, which is a pre-season ranking of the best players in the nation. Porter is joined by Alabama-Huntsville's Jasmine Hammon to represent the South Region.

NSU women's Head Coach, LeAnn Freeland, said, "Meix is intelligent, athletic and driven."

I sat down with Porter and asked her a few questions:

When did you decide you wanted

to play college basketball?

I decided when I was in the sixth grade. I really wanted to play for Pat Summit.

What is your best accomplishment in your career?

My senior year in high school, I was named district player of the year and first team, regional player of the year and first team, state player of the year and first team.

What are your personal goals for the season?

I want to win the National Championship and to be an All-American. And I would like to be Player of the Year.

Why did you decide to transfer to NSU?

My coach and I didn't have the best relationship; we were two different types of people. That situation



Senior Meixandra Porter looks to end her career with a national championship. COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

was not conducive for me to grow as a person or as a player.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I would fly because I could go anywhere I want to, and make it much easier to dunk.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Jordan, even though that's so cliché. I like his drive, anything he put his mind to he did. He won championships in basketball and then left to go play baseball and was good at it.

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WRITTEN BY
Chris Hoffman



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The NSU men's basketball team began their season last Friday playing a home exhibition game against the Chilean National Team.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team (4-22) played two away games in a row last week against conference rivals Lynn and Rollins.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The NSU women's soccer team (4-5-1) won two conference games the past week against Eckerd and Saint Leo to improve their conference record to 3-3.



ON THE BENCH

Commentary by: **Andre Jensen**

It's that time of year again: November is here and the college football season is winding down. Teams will be making a last push to make a case for being included in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship Game.

For some teams, like the Oklahoma Sooners and the South Carolina Gamecocks, the dream has ended and the best they can hope for is getting invited to a decent bowl game. But for other teams, especially those in the top four of the BCS standings, it's time to put the pedal to the metal and let the chips shake themselves out.

The BCS is a selection system that creates five bowl match-ups involving 10 of the top ranked teams in the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. It also allows for the top two teams to compete in the BCS National Championship Game.

But thankfully, this season will be the second to last season of what many people consider to be one of the greatest mishaps in college sports.

The BCS system is about to be euthanized; may it soon rest in peace. Gone are the ridiculous polls, the computer standings, and the automatic qualifier status extended to favored conferences like the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and the Big Ten.

Starting in 2014, there will be a new four team playoffs. The new landscape of college football will be very different from what is today.

The new playoff system will work like this: the No. 1 team will play the No. 4 team on Dec. 31, and the No. 2 team will play the No. 3

team on Jan. 1. The sites of those games will rotate among the four current BCS bowls — Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Sugar — with two more to be determined at a later date.

The playoffs will function like a semi-final, similar to the ones we see in college basketball's March Madness. The winners of the playoffs will advance to the championship game, which will be held on the first Monday in January that is six or more days after the last semifinal.

This system is better than the arbitrary computer rankings that are currently being used. Everything about the 2014 version of post-season college football is going to be an improvement over what we have now. A final four of football is better than a final two, especially when the final two were determined by a computer model. The appointment of a committee of football professionals will be the determinant.

Of course, no system is perfect. There will be seasons when the differences between the ranked teams are small, but the way we determine those differences will make more sense. The doubt will no longer exist like it did for the 2012 BCS Championship. Many people involved in professional sports viewed the move of having two SEC teams, the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Louisiana State University Tigers, play each other to be unfair and exclusionary.

With the doubt removed from the process, the attention can return to the game, where it belongs.

Women's soccer season comes to an end

By: **Chris Hoffman**

Last week, the NSU women's soccer team (4-8-3) saw their season come to an end in front of a crowd of 256 spectators. The Sharks lost 1-0 to the Eckerd Tritons (10-6-3) at the NSU Soccer Complex.

The match was a quarterfinal game in the Sunshine State Conference tournament. The Sharks outshout the Tritons 32 to two, but were unable to score in the deciding game of the season.

The Tritons scored in the 36th minute of the match on a header from Arie Anahory that found the back of the net. The Tritons decided to not take a shot for the rest of the game, opting to play defense and preserve their lead. By the end of the first half, NSU had taken 12 shots on goal.

The second half proved to be no different. Eckerd continued to play resilient defense as NSU played aggressive offense. The final whistle blew with the Sharks taking 20 shots in the

second half, unable to capitalize in part due to Eckerd's goalkeeper, Morgan Crescent making 19 saves in the game.

Despite the loss, fans are still excited for the team.

Haleigh Wilson, sophomore psychology major, said, "I was excited and very proud that the women's soccer team made it into the conference playoffs."

Throughout the season, the Sharks found themselves competing in close games. Seven out of the 15 games played were decided by a one-goal margin, with the Sharks losing six of them.

In order to improve next season, Head Coach Michael Goodrich said, "We need to play more consistent. From a tactical perspective, we have to do a better job of finishing our opportunities."

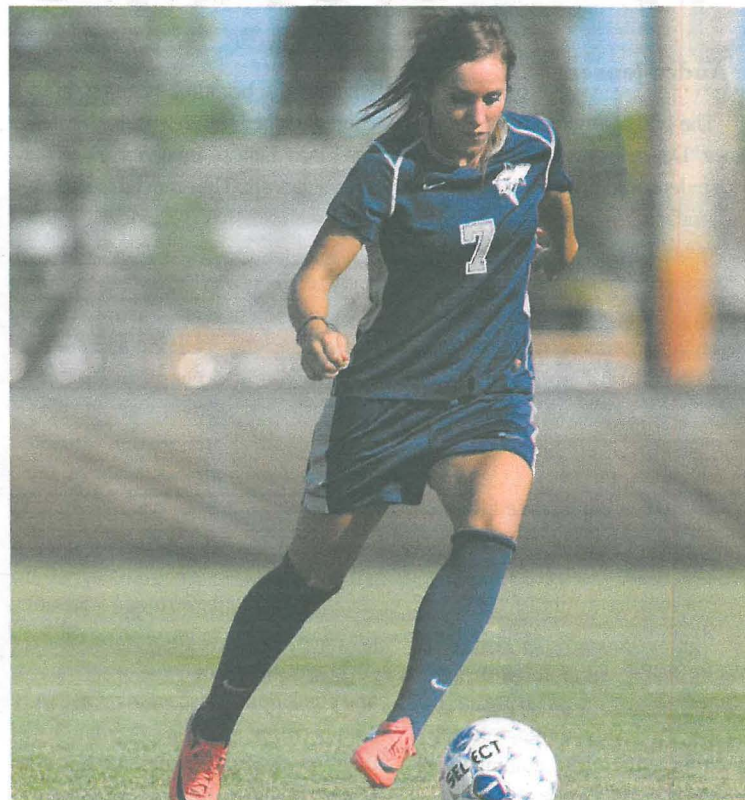
One of the biggest challenges that the Sharks faced over the course of the season was the lack of experience on the pitch. Freshman and

sophomores filled 21 out of the 29 spots on the roster. The lack of experience seemed to show in the inability to close some of the close games they had this season.

During the offseason, the Sharks will take about six weeks off to rest and recover from any injuries that the players may have sustained over the course of the season.

Goodrich said, "We will take time off to focus on academics and to have a college student experience. It is a very stressful experience for kids, especially for freshman that are away from home for the first time."

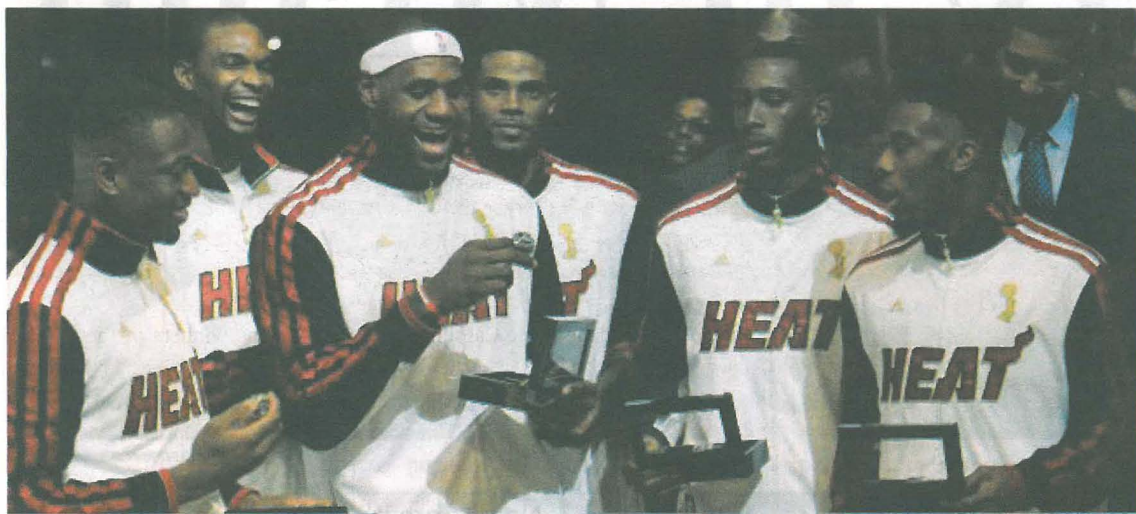
Moving forward, NSU hopes to be competitive on both the pitch and in the classroom. As Goodrich continued to say, "Our long term goal is to graduate kids to help them move onto their careers. On the field, our goal is to be competitive in the conference and nationally."



Malin Broberg dribbles down the pitch in a game earlier this season

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Heat open season with win over Celtics



Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, LeBron James, Udonis Haslem, Terrell Harris and Norris Cole receive their championship rings.

COURTESY OF THE BLEACHER REPORT

By: **Andre Jensen**

The 2012 NBA Champions, the Miami Heat, continued their dominance against the Boston Celtics in their season opener on Oct. 30 at the American Airlines Arena, in Miami, Fla.

Each player, coach, team executive, and the owner, Micky Arison, accepted championship rings and watched as the franchise's second NBA Championship banner was hoisted up to the rafters. The players wore their home uniforms, special shoes trimmed in championship gold, and warm-up jackets embroidered with the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

Heat Head Coach Erik Spoelstra said, "It was an emotional time for all of us in the organization, but our guys did a very good job of compartmentalizing and we

turned the switch as soon as we went to warm-ups."

Dwyane Wade scored 29 points, LeBron James scored 26 points, and Ray Allen scored 19 points in his Heat debut. The Heat was all over the Celtics, defeating them 120 to 107.

The game's spectators were loud and enthusiastic during the game, and reached their loudest volume when James powered home a two-handed dunk in transition, at the end of the end of the first half. The field goal gave the Heat an eight-point lead, and the Celtics never led in the final two quarters.

The third quarter would see the Heat stretch their advantage over the Celtics to 19 points, but the Celtics cut the deficit late in the fourth quarter to just four points with 2:10 left on the clock. Chris Bosh took over and scored

seven consecutive points to put the game away in the final minutes.

"Chris is as steady as they come, and he came up big in the fourth quarter when maybe we were a little fatigued," Spoelstra said. "He does that for some reason, quietly around the league, but we understand how important he is to the success of our team."

The Heat's effort was enough to offset a renewed Celtics roster led by the 23 points of forward Paul Pierce and the 13 assists of point guard Rajon Rondo, who ended the game with a flagrant

foul against Wade, which Wade termed "a punk play."

Newcomer Allen closed the game out, with the second highest total by a Heat bench player in a season opener, second only to the 25 points made by Willie Burton in 1990.

On Friday, the Heat played the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden and the Denver Nuggets on Saturday at the American Airlines Arena in Miami.



On Deck

Weekly Sports Schedule

<p>Tuesday 11.6 Women's Volleyball</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  vs.  </div> <p>at NSU Arena, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday 11.9 Women's Basketball</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  vs.  </div> <p>at NSU Arena, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Volleyball</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  vs.  </div> <p>at Tampa, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 11.10 Women's Rowing</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>NSU at FIRA Fall Classic Huntsville, Alabama, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Women's Volleyball</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  vs.  </div> <p>at St. Petersburg, FL, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday 11.11</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  vs.  </div> <p>at NSU Arena, 7 p.m.</p>
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"Dance Works" comes to NSU

By: **Andre Jensen**

The NSU Studio Series Performance "Dance Works" is a mix of faculty, student, and guest choreography. The production was presented at the Performance Theater at the Don Taft University Center on Nov. 2 and 3.

In six dances, lasting a total of 60 minutes, the more than two-dozen extraordinary dancers of "Dance Works" gave a riveting performance, showcasing exceptional choreography and terrific range.

More than 200 people filled the audience to watch this opening performance of the Studio Series.

The music, a mix of traditional and modern tunes, reflected the beauty of the choreography's execution. The self-expression of the dancers was astounding, especially the things they can communicate with their hands alone.

Every dance piece communicated something different — from joy to fear and anger to sensuality.

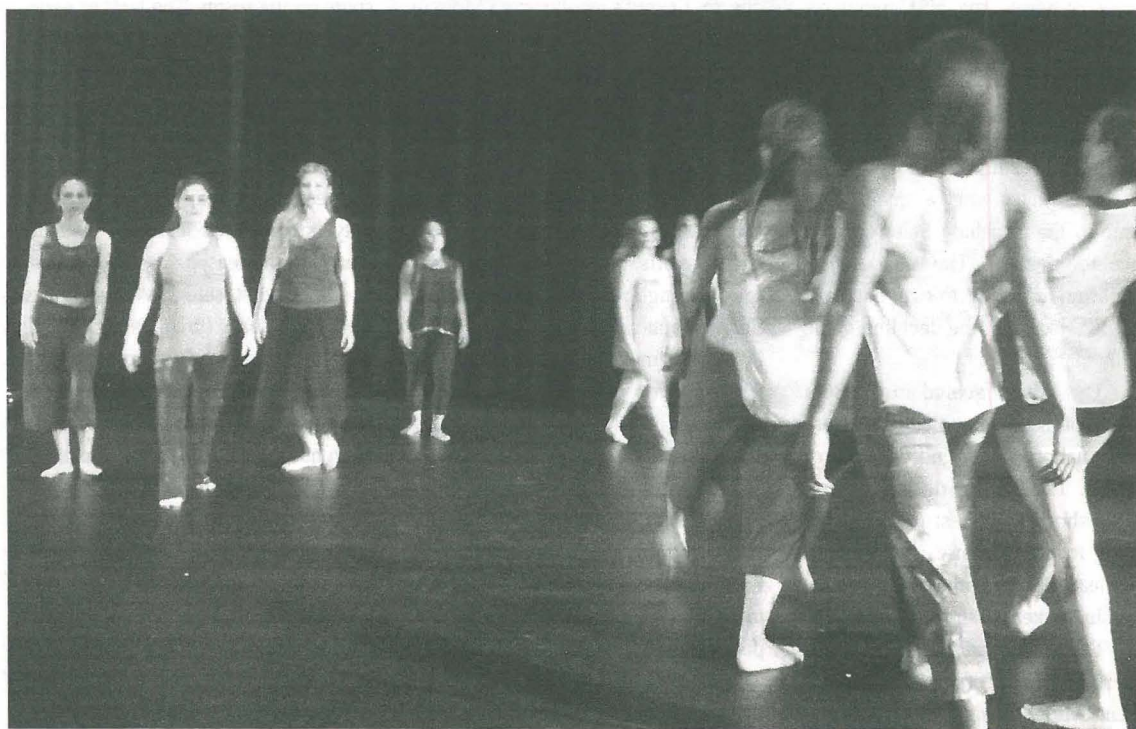
"State of Change," the over-

whelmingly beautiful opening piece choreographed by Associate Professor Elana Lanczi, involved 10 of the shows dancers. They moved in various pairs with sensual exchanges — lifting, stroking, pushing, and supporting one another. It was truly incredible.

In "Bittersweet Departure," students Fernando Campos and Rayna Orsini, who also choreographed the piece, danced to a sensual, sexy tune, full of R&B rhythm. It was erotic and romantic, while remaining playful.

The only piece that fell short of my expectations was "Here," choreographed and performed by Heather Maloney. It's easy to suspend judgment in the name of innovation and education — especially since the solo performance was sultry and had dramatic low undertones — but the piece just seemed to go on too long, without merit.

"Organized Masyhem," choreographed by Associate Professor Chetachi Egwu and performed



Dancers perform "State of Change" in the opening of "Dance Works" Friday night.

PHOTO BY A. JENSEN

by almost the entire ensemble, was a spectacular work of art. Its jazzy, hip-hop, and lyrical feel reminded

me of a Broadway show. The piece was the perfect ending to a riveting night.

The collective work and ambition of "Dance Works" was truly a delight to see.

Wining and dining for charity in Miami

By: **Erik Digranes**

Norman Brothers Produce in Miami held its annual wine tasting and open house, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Nov. 3, to benefit the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD).

UM-NSU CARD provides resources, training, family support, and education to individuals and families dealing with autism and related disabilities throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties.

The evening featured wines from around the world, as well as Norman Brothers Produce's signature hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and holiday menu. Around 20 food vendors and 30 wine vendors also attended. Over 400 tickets were sold — for \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.

Dave Nelson, the president of Norman Brothers Produce, and Suann Suggs, its chief financial officer, have run the wine tasting and open house every year, for the past 14 years. Four of Nelson's children and seven of his grandchildren also helped this year.

"The event turnout meets and exceeds my expectations every year," said Nelson. "It's very fulfilling to see the amount of money we have raised by the end of the night."

In previous years, funds from the wine tasting benefited The

American Cancer Society, The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Charlee Program, and Operation Smile. Norman Brothers Produce has raised a total of over \$100,000 for these charities.

Dr. Robin Parker, consulting director of UM-NSU CARD's NSU Satellite Office was in attendance and said, "I really enjoy the welcoming atmosphere and impressed every year by the amount of people interested in the cause."

Evan Brown, account manager of Gourmet Foods International, has been at the event all 14 years. This year, he presented an array of specialty food and cheeses, including an artisanal cheddar from Utah.

"It's for such a great cause and Mr. Nelson and his family are always so welcoming to everyone who is a part of the evening," said Brown.

Raffle tickets were sold at \$5 each. Prizes included wine bottles, gift certificates, and specialty food products. A DJ performed throughout the night and an area was designated for dancing.

Suggs said that it's a great way to kick off the holiday season, and raise money for a cause that many people can relate to. Last year, \$15,000 was raised in just three hours.



The chocolate rum cake was a hit.

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Miami Improv, Miami, 8 p.m.

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Room, Fort Lauderdale, 10 p.m.

Thursday 11.8

Weezer w/Ash Hard Rock Live,
Hollywood, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Mecurio Miami Improv, Miami, 8:30 p.m.

Student Body Thursdays Green Room, Fort
Lauderdale, 10 p.m.

Friday 11.9

Bellator Fighting
Championship Hard Rock
Live, Hollywood, 7:30 p.m.

Needtobreathe w/Matthew Mayfield
Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale, 6 p.m.

Dr. Dog w/Cotton Jones Culture Room,
Fort Lauderdale, 8 p.m.

Astari Nite & Girls On Film Green
Room, Fort Lauderdale, 10 p.m.

Saturday 11.10

All Time Low Revolution
Live, Fort Lauderdale, 6 p.m.

Walk off the Earth Culture
Room, Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.

New Times Web Awards w/ Panic
Bomber & Boxwood Green Room,
Fort Lauderdale, 10 p.m.

Sunday 11.11

Steel Pulse feat. Bobby Lee Rodgers
& Mixed Culture Revolution Live, Fort
Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.

Paul Rodriguez Fort Lauderdale
Improv, Fort Lauderdale, 8 p.m.

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Movie review:

"Paranormal Activity 4"

By: **Amanda Hudon**

Earning \$29 million in the box office during its opening day weekend, "Paranormal Activity 4" is a must-see movie and a great way to wrap up the Halloween season — even though it starts off quite slowly. Filmed by a laptop camera, it has a unique feel and brings the movie into the 21st century.

The plot begins with a recap from "Paranormal Activity 2", and then cuts to five years after the vanishing of Katie and her infant nephew Hunter.

It takes place in a Nevada suburb with 15-year-old Alex; her parents — who are on the verge of divorce; her boyfriend, Ben; and her adopted younger brother, Wyatt. When the family is forced to take in their neighbor's troubled little boy, Robbie, due to an unfortunate

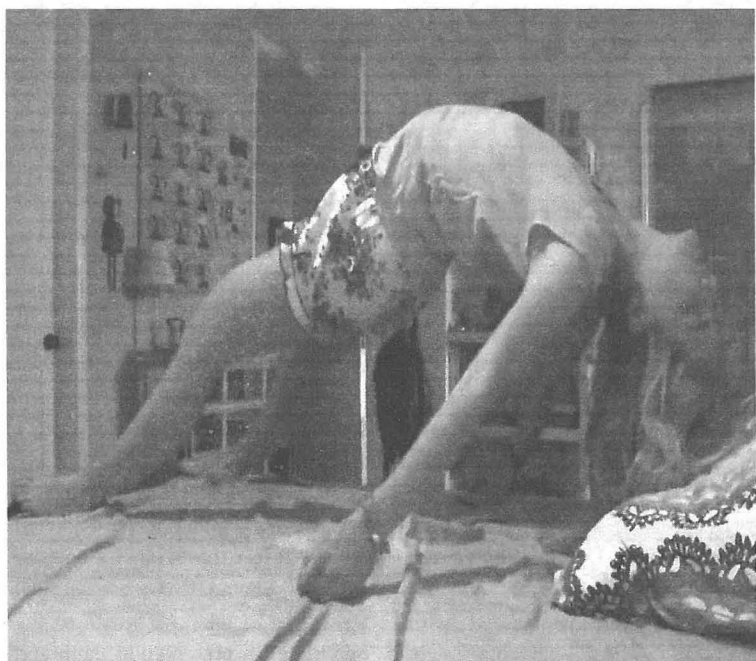
health issue with his mother, strange events start to occur in their home. Knives go missing, children have conversations with vacant rooms, and shadows run through hallways.

Frightened, Alex asks Ben to set up laptops around the house. Captured from all angles, the audience now can see what happens each night, including the couple's video chats.

The first 60 minutes of the movie leave much to be desired. There are some small jumps and scares, but it's very slow, mainly focused on loud noises in the middle of the night. The audience might as well go to sleep; the cameras only show an empty house and the occasional blur that might be a ghost. This part of the film was nothing less than boring — a great opportunity for a popcorn break.

It's not until Robbie's mother returns that the film goes from scary to terrifying. I was on the edge of my seat and not letting go of the armrests. Here is where the acting started to impress me — especially Alex, played by Kathryn Newton. When she screamed, I cringed. The dialogue was so realistic between characters that it made the movie more believable; I was easily able to imagine myself saying something similar in each situation. There could've been more music to amp up the suspense, though I think it was just fine without it.

In the end, events get gruesome. I was close to taking a nap for much of the film's start, but the last 30 minutes certainly woke me up. I was jumping out of my seat, wondering what freaky thing would happen next.



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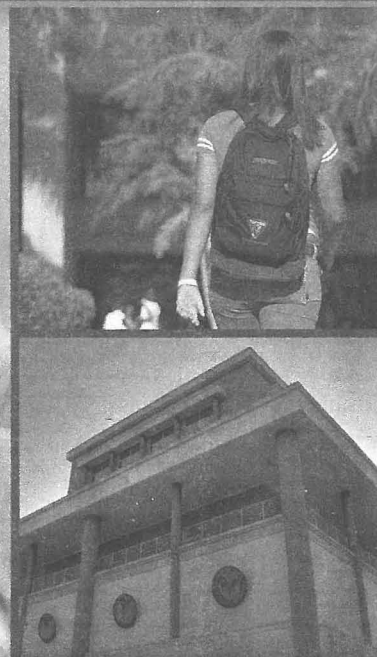
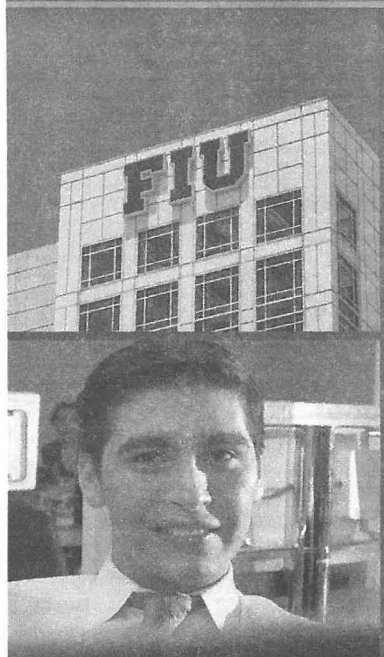
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40 years later, Title IX is still changing female athletes' lives

By: Erik Digranes

On June, 23 1972, Congress signed landmark legislation, Title IX, attacking the gender divide in sports. Title IX is a short and simple federal law: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In 1972, only 30,000 girls participated in high school sports. Today, it's over 3 million — an increase of 90 percent. As an avid sports fan, I fully support any act that increases athletics in schools, whether it's for males or for females.

In order to comply with the athletic requirements of Title IX, educational institutions must meet the requirements of three areas. A three-part test for participation opportunities determines if institutions provide female and male students with equal athletic opportunities. In order to comply, institutions must pass one of three tests.

The first test has to compare the ratio of female to male participants in the athletic program with the ratio of female to male full-time students. If the resulting ratios are equal, the school is most likely in compliance in this area of Title IX.

The second major compliance of Title IX encompasses athletic financial assistance. The only monetary requirement of Title IX deals with the area of scholarships. Scholarships must be allocated in

proportion to the number of female and male students participating in

intercollegiate athletics. Funding for women's and men's programs does not have to be equal, but a significant disparity in funds does suggest that institutions could be found non-compliant in other program areas.

The third area of compliance for Title IX requires equivalence in other athletic benefits and opportunities and includes all other program areas not previously covered. Title IX does not require that each men's and women's team receive exactly the same services and supplies, but it looks at the entirety of the treatment that the men's and women's programs receive as a whole.

The widest impact of Title IX has been expanding girls' and women's sports in high school and college, creating the movement for greater professional opportunities for female athletes. These are obviously great achieve-

ments, which should be celebrated along with previous advancements in women's rights.

Economists have long observed that participation in sports at a young age correlates to higher wages, greater educational attainment, and overall professional success in adult life.

In 2008, Betsey Stevenson, a professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, compiled data on students who attended high school just before and just after Title IX. Stevenson found that Title IX is associated with a 3-percent rise in women's college attendance, a 2-percent rise in the probability of getting a four-year degree, a 2-percent increase in women's employment, a 1.5-percent increase in the number of women in male-dominated fields, and a 1.3-percent increase in women's wages in states with high enforcement.

What's important is that these

gains did not come at the expense of boys, whose participation in sports, educational attainment, and wage growth remained steady over this period. Title IX not only expanded women's opportunities, but actually narrowed the achievement gap between women and men.

As a boy's basketball coach in the high school ranks, it's nice to see the girl's teams receive equal amount of participation and attention as our teams. It generates more interest from the rest of the student body when they see more of their peers partaking in athletics, and in turn, leads to even more males and females playing.

Professional female athletes serve as role models for young girls all over the world. A lot of girls are hesitant to go out for sports teams because they either haven't played before or fear that it's not a popular choice. Seeing that these women were able to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them and attain success is impactful for girls undecided on playing sports.

NSU freshman Miranda Schumes, a member of the women's swim team said, "Being an athlete has led me to meet a lot of great people and taught me many life lessons."

The door is open for opportunity. Title IX has empowered countless numbers of female athletes and helped accelerate growth in various aspects of their lives. It's a great thing for athletics and humanity, and should continue to be acknowledged with its correlation to success in the future.

A female athlete's perspective

"Athletics and sports open the door to leading a healthier lifestyle and give everyone — no matter their gender — a positive hobby to indulge in.

So, it's only fair for women to be given the same opportunities as men. Personally, I find that

exercising and playing sports is an immense stress reliever. I have so many responsibilities and academic assignments; physical activities are my escape from the fast-paced and agitated world.

Athletics teaches you essential life lessons, such as punctuality, responsibility and teamwork. Healthy competition is something that we should all fundamentally want to promote. There shouldn't be a male preference; it's only fair that women be given the same opportunity as men."

— Camila Alfonso

On the Scene: What did you find most memorable during the 2012 presidential campaigns?

"The attack on Syria and how it was handled by the administration." **Christina Logo, junior biology major**

"The excitement of it all. Being able to vote and watching the debates, which gave me a lot of information about both parties and their view points. Since this is my first time voting, the debates were very important." **Candace Williams, junior psychology major**

"The unprofessionalism during the debates really struck me. I felt like Obama did a little better in having himself more composed and responding better, but I still heard a lot of lashing at each other and no respect for the mediators or time given." **Anne Salsbury, junior biology major**

"Negative comments towards each other and how they kind of avoid the main issues and answering any of the questions." **Ben Barker, first year graduate biology student**

"The fact that Romney's hats are made in China and Obama's are made in America." **Nile Dresser, junior biology major**

"The Sesame Street comment where Romney said he is cutting funding for PBS and how Big Bird better watch out." **Michael Friedman, freshman musical theatre major**

Put the damn phone down and drive

By: **Andre Jensen**

After crashing her car into a mailbox in the ABC comedy "Happy Endings", character Penny Hartz offers a sarcastic apology to startled onlookers: "Sorry, I was texting."

This comedic line in a sitcom is sure to provoke laughter from viewers because many people know what a pain drivers who text while driving can be. But the only thing laughable about texting and driving is the lack of a state law against it in Florida.

With the increasing use of smart phones, texting and driving is rapidly becoming one of the greatest hazards on the nation's roadways.

The National Safety Council, a nonprofit that promotes safe driving, estimates that 18 percent of all U.S. accidents may be caused by texting. Many of those end in fatalities.

The growing evidence shows that texting while driving can be more dangerous than driving drunk. Consider this:

- *Texting makes drivers more than 20 times more likely to crash, compared with drivers who aren't texting, according to a 2009 study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.*
- *Motorists who text have their reaction times deteriorate by 35 percent, a 2008 study by the U.K.-based Transport Research Laboratory found.*

Nationwide, 39 states including



Texting and driving is a serious problem.

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the District of Columbia ban text messaging and driving. These states have adopted penalties for drivers caught texting, the penalties can range from a traffic citation, to a misdemeanor infraction.

In most states, the texting ban applies to all drivers, regardless of their age. However, in some states, like Texas and New Mexico, the law only applies to teenagers — although stud-

ies have shown that adult drivers are just as likely to text. Some states ban texting from school bus drivers and/or novice drivers.

In five states, including Florida, there are no laws against texting and driving, despite consistent lobbying from state police associations and safety advocate groups. For several years, proposed laws to ban texting while driving have passed in the Florida Sen-

ate, but they have all died in the House.

Several Florida legislators have complained that legislative leaders deliberately blocked anti-texting bills, even ones that would have banned texting and driving only in school zones.

Legislators point the finger specifically at former Speaker of the House Dean Cannon, who said there are "personal liberties were a concern."

It is illegal to drive a car in Florida without wearing a seat belt — an act that endangers no one but the driver. Yet, it's ok to take your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel to send a string of texts, while cruising down a crowded street at 50 miles per hour.

The personal liberties argument is foolish. Nobody has the right to drive a car; it's a privilege.

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The public knows texting while driving is hazardous. A 2010 poll by the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety showed that 87 percent of people consider texting while driving a "very serious" safety threat, but many of those same drivers surveyed also admit to doing it.

The increasing problem of texting while driving is clear, and it's now time that our state legislators start to catch up to the reality. It's time for the state to tell drivers to put the damn phone down and drive.



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Job # 002

Senior Student Assistant

Provide telephone technical support to the NSU computing community. Collect and record specific information regarding user requests and problems. Dispatch problem reports to appropriate personnel. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 039

Desktop Computing Assistant

Assist full-time employees with the daily installation and maintenance and support of personal computer hardware and software. 20hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 054

Lab Monitor

Assist students and faculty computer related problems in the microcomputer lab. 25 hrs/wk; \$8/hr

Job #: 086

Graduate Student Assistant

Assist coordinator with on-going projects within the department. 15-20hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 165

Lifeguard

Prevent accidents through the enforcement of policies, rules, regulation, and the conduct of persons using the pool, saunas, and spa. Additional duties: scrub pool gutters, heavy vacuum and hosing deck. Available: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; \$9/hr

Job #: 224

Intramural Sports Official

Officiate intramural sports based on rules and regulations as set forth by Campus Recreation. Ensure that teams/individuals follow rules and regulations. Provide all intramural participants with superior customer service. Remain visible and on post at all times. Mon-Thurs, 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; occasional weekends; \$8/hr

Job #: 353

Student Research Assistant

Assist faculty with various research projects. Provide clerical and research support to undergraduate and graduate business programs. Tasks include data collection, analyzing data, data entry, filing, phones. General office work, other duties as assigned. up to 20 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 360

Office Assistant

Filing, phones, copying, errands and other duties as assigned. 20hrs/wk; \$8.25/hr

Job#: 397

Student Ambassador

Conduct campus tours to prospective students and their families. Other duties include data entry. Answer incoming phone calls. Participate in special events and telecounseling. 20 hrs/wk; \$8.25/hr

Job #: 412

Admin. Student Assistant

Answer telephones, take accurate messages, route calls, respond courteously and professionally to routine inquiries. Compose and

type correspondence, generate reports and other documents. Assist with mailings and special projects. Accurate data entry in Access and Banner. Set up and maintain files. Assist visitors to the department efficiently and courteously. Perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr (between 9am-1pm)

Job #: 423

Section Editor

Oversee the assignment and production of specific section in the University student-run newspaper. Job functions include but are not limited to determining stories for a specific section, editing all copy for the section before submitting to Managing Editor. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 500

Phonathon Worker

Call alumni from all over the country to update their information. Let our alumni know about new developments at NSU and ask for support of NSU through our annual giving program. 10-15 hrs/wk; \$8.50/hr

Job #: 566

Admin. Student Assistant (Miami/Kendall)

Have contact with students and respond to their needs either in person or by phone. Handle special requests from director and assistant directors in regards to recruiting projects. 20-25 /hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 568

Admin. Student Assistant (West Palm Beach)

Provide administrative support and services to the SEC recruiting staff, meeting enrollment goals and objectives. Assist in providing office coverage to front desk. Provide customer service to all callers and visitors in a professional manner. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 573

Stdent Assistant

Form letters, answer telephone calls, take messages, make photocopies. Assist with clerical work in office. \$8.5/hr

Job #: 679

Senior Student Assistant

Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 719

Graduate Assistant

Process application waivers. Assist with FL Prepaid: invoicing and payment posting preparation; set up aging reports; analyze accounts to see if late fee and hold should be applied. Analyze account for NSU Payment Plans. Assist the A/R manager and specialist as needed. Other duties as assigned. 10-15 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 778

Student Assistant

Receive and deliver items to various departments on- and off-campus. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 779

Operations Assistant/Facilities

Answer telephones, manage the operation of the front service desk, answer questions, enforce facility and program policies, conduct face checks, and distribute information and directions. Maintain the cleanliness of the facility and the upkeep of the facility program space. \$7.50/hr

Job #: 783

Personal Trainer

Provide members with a quality, safe, and effective workout. Maintain written documentation of each client. 20hrs/wk; \$18/hr - starting and depending on experience.

Job #: 910

Student Assistant - East Campus, Ft. Lauderdale

Operate telephone switchboard to route, receive, and place calls to all campus locations. Disseminate information to callers on NSU programs of study, events and special advertisements. Place and track long distance calls for internal NSU customers. Other duties as assigned. On occasional basis, attend divisional and NSU sponsored meetings and instructional workshops. Supervisor will provide more detailed job description. 20hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: HPD 089

Administrative Student Assistant

Manage classroom of approximately 100 students. Duties include: maintaining classroom policies and protocol, taking attendance, distributing handouts, proctoring exams, assisting with trouble shooting broadcast problems, and other related duties as required 12 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 098

Student Assistant

Provide administrative support for Residential Life & Housing. Assist in the general operation and communication of office procedures and functions. Duties include but not limited to: inputting information on work orders, incident reports, locksmith request, etc. Filing and copying of confidential documents. Maintaining and organizing kitchen and storage rooms, and other common areas. Correspond with other NSU departments as required to assist residents or staff members. Other duties as assigned. 20 hrs/week; \$7.67/hr

Job #: 103

Student Assistant

Provide clerical assistance. This includes filing, phones, etc 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: 307

Orientation Assistant

Plan, organize and implement orientation events for students, parents. Conduct group meetings with students and parents. Prepare orientation materials such as binders and flyers. Transport orientation materials to sites as needed. Work with Student Affairs to coordinate events and activities. Other duties as assigned. 15 hrs/week; \$8.25/hr

Job #: 154

Graduate Student Assistant

Analyze accounts for reconciliation and placement with third parties. Assist with filing, mailing letters and mail merge projects in all areas of the department (Perkins student loans and tuition accounts). Maintain and prepare documents for imaging. Assist management and staff in other duties as necessary. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: 374

Field Operations Assistant

Assist the Operations Coordinator by ensuring fields and facilities are prepared for home games and events. Act as a troubleshooter at events by providing supervision. Also assist with game management 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: 502

Network Specialist

Assists in the installation of networking equipment. Assists in trouble-shooting network outages. Gather and compile information for special projects. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: 561

Student Assistant

Assist the team with marketing, event planning, and research. Support the administrative needs of the office. Work with students and employers aiding the employment database process. 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: 615

Service Representative

Provide telephone support for the marketing department. 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: 711

Student Scholarship Assistant

Update and maintain database, review, edit and write scholarship questions, assist in mailings both electronic and paper, assist in preparing presentations, provide support in developing and delivering online scholarships. 20 hrs/week; \$9-12/hr

Job #: 715

Student Assistant

Assist department by reviewing records for accuracy. Modify spreadsheets. Research and update record information. Retrieve, print and prepare documents for processing. Photocopying, sorting, filing, mailing, and other duties as assigned. 14 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: 726

Office Assistant

Office duties to include typing, supply ordering, photocopying, taking messages, filing, etc. Assist with cash management of sales. Act as a resource person, directing patrons, etc. Schedule and fulfill requests for conference rooms and events. Create bulletin board displays. Provide coverage for Flight Deck when needed. May be required to assist with inventory maintenance of stock and equipment. Other duties as assigned by Student Union senior staff.

15-20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: HPD 146

Student Assistant

Data entry in Access database. Be able to reconcile multiple Excel reports and software program reports, update spreadsheets. Be able to manage large quantities of confidential documents. Check in orders and ensure accuracy then distribute to correct department. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 158

Student Assistant/Office Assistant

Typing correspondence, collecting and distributing mail, photocopying, answering phone, meeting and greeting student and visitors. 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: HPD 130

Check for accuracy of data; review charts and prepare billable procedures. Collect necessary data for reports. Create files. Make phone calls to patients and doctors. Update appointments and support peers. 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: HPD 201

Student Assistant

Take messages, copying, faxing, scan documents, filing, data entry. Create patient files, type letters. Create spreadsheets and scan documents. Assist department supervisor in day to day activities. Other duties as assigned. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 213

Student Assistant

Type correspondence, data entry, scanning, faxing, filing, mailing and data entry in the system. Assist other staff members. Create letters, arrange documents for meetings. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 214

Graduate Assitant / Biostatistics Teaching Assistant

Assist students in the computer laboratory to learn how to use statistical software packages: JMP-SAS, SAS, EpiInfo, Excel, G-Power. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: HPD 218

Student Assistant/Receptionist

Assist department with the following duties: copying, filing, phone calls, electronic communication, word processing, interoffice/inter-campus deliveries. 25 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 653

Administrative Student Assistant

Interact with faculty and staff as needed, filing, duplication mailing, Internet searches, etc. Work with MS Word, Excel, etc. Maintain office supplies, phone coverage. Other duties as assigned. 10 hrs/week, \$8.50/hr

Job #: 796

Student Assistant/Event Services

Jobs include Guest Services, Ticket Takers, Ushers, Ticket Sellers and other various event services and box office jobs. 5-20hrs/week; \$8/hr